Oil Production

1767. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated rise/fall in the indigenous Oil production during the years 1992 and 1993;

(b) what is the comperative percentage of rise in the demand of Oil and Oil products during 1992 and 1993 and what is the consequent gap between demand and supply;

(c) what is the estimated projection of Oil production during the coming three years;

(d) whether Government propose to boost Oil Production in a joint venture by inviting foreign companies considering the growing gap between demand and supply and with a view to achieving the Oil projection during the coming years; and

(e) if so, what is the decision, if any taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The indigenous production of crude oil during 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 30.35 million tonnes and 26.95 million tonnes, respectively.

(b) The estimated demand for crude oil and products during 1992 and 1993 was as under:

(Million tonnes)

Year	Crude Oil	Products
1992	54.2	59.3
1993	53.5	59.4

(c)

Year	Estimated Production (MT)
1993-94	27.17
1994-95	32.51
1995-96	38.37

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A number of small sized fields and medium sized fields have been offered for development by private parties under production sharing arrangement.

Short Supply of Natural Gas to KRIBHCO

1768. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "Short supply of gas hits KRIBHCO output" appearing in the Economic Times dated 9th October, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the shortfall in supply of natural gas has hit capacity utilisation of KRIBHCO;

(c) if so, the reasons for short supply of natural gas to KRIBHCO: and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to make natural gas available to KRIBHCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no shorthall in the supply of committed quantity of gas to M/s. KRIBHCO.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Foreign bids for oil exploration

1769. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any foreign bids for oil exploration and exploitation;